

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 3.53
(ID # 29209)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, December 16, 2025

FROM : TLMA-TRANSPORTATION

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY/TRANSPORTATION:
Execute Amendment No. 1 with Murphy & Evertz, LLP effective December 16, 2025 for Legal Counsel Services for the Interstate 10 - Monroe Street Interchange Improvement Project in the City of Indio. District 4. [\$350,000 Amendment Cost, \$450,000 Total Agreement Cost - Coachella Valley Association of Governments 75%, City of Indio 25%] (4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Execute Amendment No. 1 to the Legal Services Agreement between the County of Riverside and Murphy & Evertz, LLP, for legal counsel services for the Interstate 10 - Monroe Street Interchange Improvement Project; and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the same

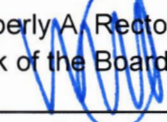
ACTION:4/5 Vote Required


Dennis Acuna, Director of Transportation 12/2/2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: Medina
Date: December 16, 2025
xc: Transp.

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 200,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Coachella Valley Association of Governments (75%) City of Indio (25%)			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 25/26 - 26/27	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Riverside County Transportation Department (Transportation Department) on behalf of the City of Indio proposes to reconstruct and widen the Monroe Street / Interstate 10 Interchange from two to four lanes on Monroe Street between the Coachella Valley Storm Channel and 42nd Avenue, reconstruct and widen the on- and off-ramps to two or three lanes at the intersection of Monroe Street, construct an eastbound auxiliary lane between Monroe Street and Jackson Street on Interstate 10, and extend the on- and off-ramps with acceleration and deceleration lanes. The Monroe Street Interchange is a major access point for existing development in the interchange area.

As documented in the Notice of Exemption, the Transportation Department conducted a review of the proposed project and determined that the Project, including the acquisition of the permanent rights, is exempt from the provisions of CEQA, under the General Rule Exemption, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines §15061(b). Because the Project is being carried out by the County, the County shall be the CEQA Lead Agency pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15051(a).

The Transportation Department has presented written offers to the property owners affected by the project as required by Government Code § 7267.1. The amount as required by Government Code § 7267.2 of the offer is consistent with current property values in the City of Indio and was based upon a fair market value appraisal report.

By Minute Order 3.19 on December 12, 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved a pre-qualified list of Real Estate Service Firms in accordance with Board Policy H-7, which allows the County to hire Murphy and Evertz, Attorneys at Law, for legal counsel and services related to property acquisition up to \$100,000 per project per fiscal year.

On June 11, 2025, the Transportation Department entered into a Legal Services Agreement with Murphy & Evertz, Attorney at Law, for legal counsel and services related to the acquisition of property needed for the Interstate 10 - Monroe Street Interchange Improvement Project. This Agreement provided for compensation to said firm at \$100,000 annually, commencing June 1, 2025 to continue until June 30, 2027, or until work assignment completion.

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In order to meet the funding deadline and secure funds, the Transportation Department sought to expedite right-of-way acquisitions through eminent domain, which provides the Transportation Department with an Order of Possession to utilize the needed property. At the same time, final settlement negotiations with owners are still ongoing. Settlements with all property owners has yet to be achieved, and access to focused legal assistance provided by Murphy & Evertz is a necessity to complete the project.

Amendment No. 1 provides for additional compensation in the amount of \$350,000, with an amended total contract amount not to exceed \$450,000. Right-of-way negotiations and acquisitions have been more complex than anticipated, and continued assistance from Murphy & Evertz is needed to supplement the work of the County Counsel's Office.

Original authorization:	\$100,000
<u>Authorized by Amendment No. 1:</u>	<u>\$350,000</u>
Total	\$450,000

County Counsel has approved the Agreement as to form.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The expertise and support of Murphy & Evertz will facilitate the completion of remaining land acquisition activities for this important project.

Construction of the Interstate 10 - Monroe Street Interchange Improvement Project is expected to begin in the Fall of 2026. The work performed by Murphy and Evertz is anticipated to be completed prior to the completion of construction.

Additional Fiscal Information

The work performed by Murphy and Evertz will be funded by Coachella Valley Association of Governments (75%) and City of Indio (25%). No net County costs will be expended.

Project No. C70048 – Interstate 10 - Monroe Street Interchange Improvement Project

Attachments:

- Vicinity Map - Interstate 10 - Monroe Street Interchange Improvement Project
- Amendment No.1


Crystal Carrillo, Senior Management Analyst 12/10/2025


Aaron Gettis, Chief of Deputy County Counsel 12/4/2025

AMENDMENT NO. 1

**Amendment to the Legal Services Agreement between
The County of Riverside and Murphy & Evertz, Attorneys at Law**

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT to the Legal Services Agreement is made and entered into as of the date written below, by and between the County of Riverside, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereinafter the "COUNTY"), and Murphy & Evertz, LLP (hereinafter "ATTORNEY"). The Parties hereto agree as follows:

RECITALS


- A. COUNTY and ATTORNEY have entered in an agreement entitled "LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT" (hereinafter the "Agreement") beginning June 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027. The Agreement provides the terms and conditions, statement of services and budget for the performance of legal services related to all aspects of the Monroe Interchange condemnations project (hereinafter "PROJECT") and any condemnation and/or inverse condemnation actions associated with this PROJECT.
- B. Due to the complexity of eminent domain cases necessary to effectuate the PROJECT, the original amount of the Agreement is insufficient.

AGREEMENT

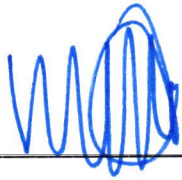
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter contained, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. Section 6. Compensation. The total amount of compensation paid to ATTORNEY is increased from One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) annually to Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (450,000) Total.
- 2. Except to the extent specifically modified or amended hereunder, all the terms, covenants and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect between the parties hereto.
- 3. This First Amendment shall be effective June 1, 2025. Regardless of the First Amendment's effective date, the additional funds provided by the First Amendment may be used to compensate ATTORNEY for work performed prior to December 16, 2025.

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, a Political
Subdivision of the State of California

By: 
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
V. Manuel Perez


ATTEST:
KIMBERLY RECTOR
Clark of the Board

By: 
Deputy

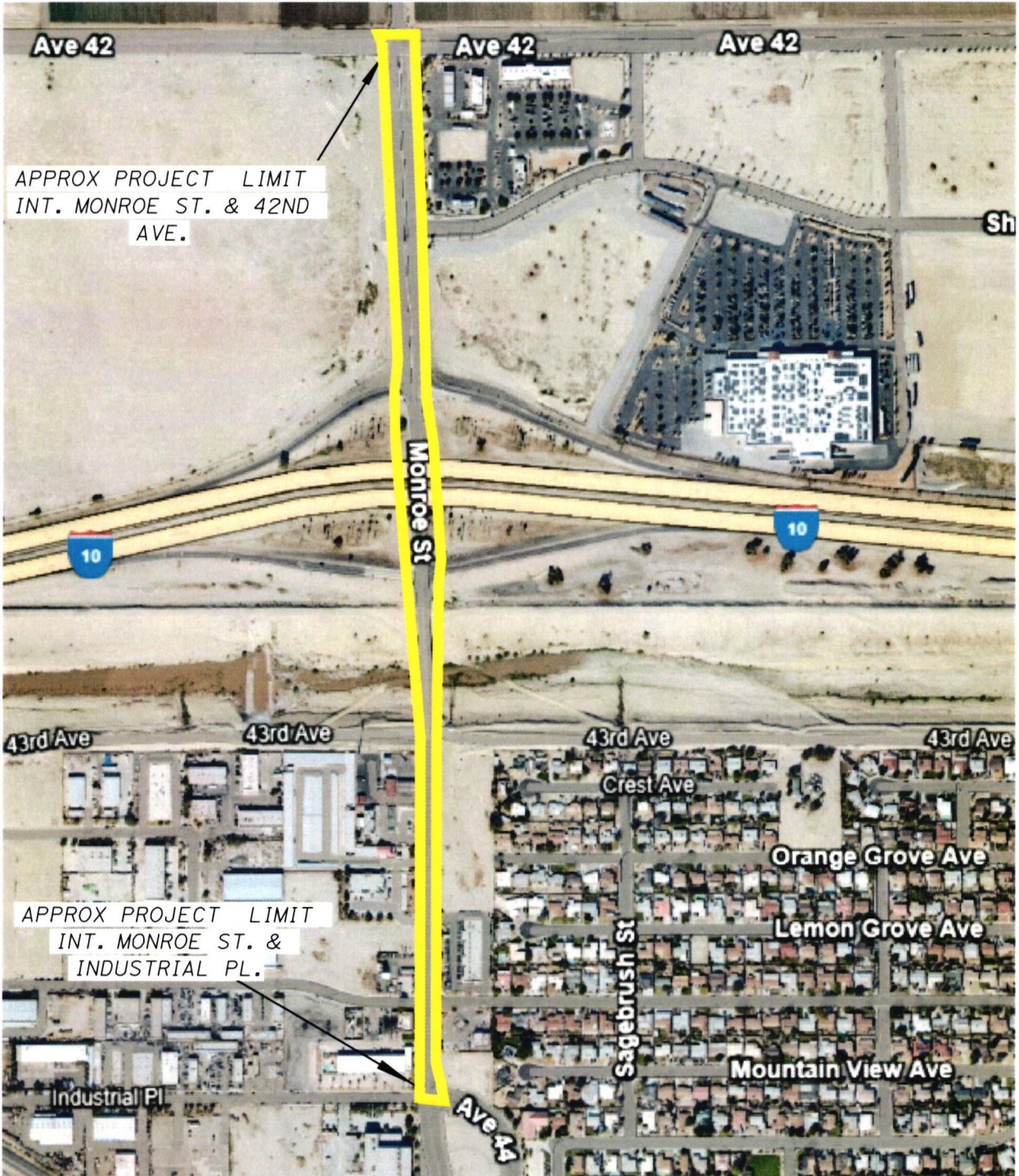
MURPHY & EVERTZ, LLP

By: 
Douglas J. Evertz
Partner

APPROVED AS TO FORM
MING C. TRAN
County Counsel

By: 
Stephanie Nelson
Deputy County Counsel

MONROE ST. / I-10



VICINITY MAP

PCL No.: N/A	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION	
WO No.: C7-0048	PROJECT: MONROE STREET AND I-10	
SCALE: NTS	THIS PLAT IS AN AID IN LOCATING THE APPROXIMATE PROJECT LIMITS.	
PREPARED BY: D.MAYER	APPROVED BY: _____	DATE: _____
DATE: NOVEMBER, 2025		
SHEET 1 OF 1		